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The Spiritual In Literature.

By Sarah A. Underwood,
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It is not intended in this article to write of the many volumes, pamphlets, magazine articles and journals written by avowed Spiritualists in the direct interest of Spiritualism, of which is a constantly increasing stream pouring from the press of this and other countries. Of these, the Spiritualistic papers and magazines keep their readers fully informed. But in behalf of the many interested in the subject who have not the time to search through the vast field of literature, it is only designed to call attention to some of the standard books in public and other libraries that to a greater or less degree touch upon, teach of or indirectly teach spiritual truths or bear upon occult science. We find such works in fiction, poetry, biography, essays and general literature.

Among noted French writers who have been and are believers in the higher truths of Spiritualism we name Balzac, George Sand, Victor Hugo, Dumas, Amiel and Flammarion; among English authors, Bulwer Lytton and his son, Tennyson, Wordsworth, William Blake, J. H. Shorthouse, Mrs. Browning, Mrs. Oliphant, Charlotte Bronte, Marie Corelli, Du Maurier, Edwin Arnold, Dante, Gabriel Rossetti; among Americans, Elizabeth Stuart Phelps-Ward, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, and Nathaniel Hawthorne, Edward Bulwer-Lytton, and Marie Corelli. There are others, but these names come now to mind most prominently.

Honore de Balzac, the novelist, whose centenary anniversary has recently been celebrated, who is now given first place in French literature, and whose works have been adequately translated into English by an American woman, Katherine Prescott Wormely, understood thoroughly the spiritual nature, strivings and destiny of man; and many of his works like "The Country Doctor," show evidence of his philosophic spiritual studies. But in his three books that should be read in a series — "Louis Lambert," "The Magic Skin," and "Seraphita," — his thoughts are most fully developed; and all interested in the spiritual life should read at least these three. George Sand's "Consuelo" and its sequel, "The Countess of Rudolstadt," are permeated with spiritual thoughts and descriptions of its phenomena. Victor Hugo, who openly avowed his belief in Spiritualism, gives special prominence to the reasonableness of this belief in his "Toilers of the Sea," and more than hints at it in "Les Misérables." Dumas shows how his "Count of Monte Cristo" was kept sane in his long imprisonment by spiritual ministrations and teachings — through automatic writings and other phases. Henri Frederic Amiel did not confess to believe in Spiritualism; yet his uplifting book, the "Journal Intime," so ably translated by Mrs. Humphrey Ward, is impregnated throughout with spiritual faith and aspiration — though he would probably have been shocked had any one thought of him as a believer in Spiritualism. Camille Flammarion, the astronomer, was at one time an automatic writer, and his "Stories of Infinity" and "Urania" deal wholly with the problems of spiritual existence from the standpoint of scientific knowledge. Guy de Maupassant's "Herla," and perhaps some other stories, treat of occult literature.

Among English authors, perhaps Bulwer Lytton, who made a careful study of psychic phenomena, has made most use of them in his stories. One of his earlier works, "Pilgrims on the Rhine," embodies in a little story the germ that Du Maurier later worked out in his charming story of "Peter Ibbetson," and his dream life. Bulwer's fascinating "Strange Story" gives a thrilling interest in the possibilities of hypnotism and the trance state. The mysteriously novel "Zanoni" works its way through spiritual forces. Bulwer's son, the author of "Lancelotti" was also a strong believer in Spiritualism, as is clearly stated in Mrs. Browning's "Letters" to various friends. Bulwer's "The Coming Race" is founded on telepathy and other to-be-developed psychic powers. Mrs. Margaret Oliphant — whose interest in such matters is plainly shown in her biography of her relative, Lawrence Oliphant — among her many stories has several dealing with the possibilities of spirit-life; such as her exquisite "Little Pilgrims," the longing sadness of "Old Lady Mary," when out of the body, because she could not influence any one to help her right the wrongs she had done to others in the flesh. "The Portrait" and "The Open Door" are also thoroughly psychic stories.



THE STREETS OF MEXICO AT THE PAN-AMERICAN EXPOSITION.

tales, are in full accord with spiritual truths; while there are but few of his novels that do not indirectly give evidence of his belief in psychic influences. George Du Maurier's best known works are based on the possibilities open to humanity through the spiritual powers that are the heritage of man, though now so dimly perceived. Not only is this true of his "Trilby," but more particularly of his delightful "Peter Ibbetson" and the "Martian," in which automatic writings play so great a part. The popularity of Marie Corelli comes from the "intimations of immortality" she has urged upon the world of story-readers in such works as "The Romance of Two Worlds," "Ardath," "The Mighty Atom," "The Soul of Lillith," etc. A high type of spiritual thought is inwrought in all the writings of J. H. Shorthouse, especially in his most masterly work, "John Inglesant, Gentleman," as well as in "The Little Schoolmaster Mark," "Sir Percival," "Countess Eve" and "Teacher of the Violin." Even the fantastic, mystery-weaving mind of Robert Louis Stevenson finds some spiritual lessons in life, such as are shown in "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" and "The Master of Ballantrae." Mrs. Catherine Crowe's "Ghosts and Family Legends," and some recent essays of the critic, Andrew Lang, with the "Symposium" of Lawrence Oliphant, deal with psychological phenomena of the day, while the works of the mystic poet-artist, William Blake, are or somewhat like those of the writings of Swedenborg and Jacob Boehme.

Among the writers on occult or spiritual topics in this country, Elizabeth Stuart Phelps-Ward, the daughter and grand-daughter of rigidly orthodox theological college professors, and the wife of a clergyman, easily take the lead, though denying any personal proclivities in favor of Spiritualism. Yet her fascinating series of stories of the hereafter — "The Gates Ajar," "Beyond the Gates" and "The Gates Beyond" — with the spiritual ideas conveyed in many of her later novels, sketches and essays, as well as in her poems, have been the means of inducing many from within the orthodox fold to take courage to wander into broader and more elevated religious pasturage, whence they could gain sure glimpses of the Elysian fields lying beyond the gates called "Death" on this side, though known as the gates of Life on the other. Harriet Beecher Stowe, while confessing that her "Uncle Tom's Cabin," which did such a wonderful work for freedom, was written under direct inspiration, did not appeal so strongly in her beautiful stories in behalf of Spiritualism, pure and simple, as did Mrs. Phelps-Ward. Her "Old Town Folks" — in which she gives under guise of fiction many psychic experiences of her own, and more particularly those of Professor Calvin Stowe, her clergyman husband — comes the nearest to a confession of her faith; while other books, like "The Minister's Wooing" and "Agnes of Sorrento," indicate the trend of her convictions.

Nathaniel Hawthorne's "Scarlet Letter," "House of the Seven Gables," "The Marble Faun" and "Mosses from an Old Manse," are all permeated with spiritual thought, belief and ideals; though he probably would

confession of Spiritualism in his own life. Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, during his later years, was much given to investigation of psychical mysteries, to which his medical studies and experiments lent an added interest. His latest and not least charming work, "Over the Tea-cups," gives many intimations as to the conclusions to which these studies had brought him in respect to belief in the continuity of existence beyond the earthly plane. "Elsie Venner," "The Guardian Angel," and "A Mortal Antipathy" show the varying phases of his pursuit of the mysteries of the human soul. Some of Dr. Weir Mitchell's books show as well the skilled physician's interest in psychical questions, though I do not now recall the special works in which he averts to them. Edward Bellamy, whose "Looking Backward" stirred thousands of hearts with hopeful visions of "a good time coming" through its so-called Utopian theories founded on ideas born of study of the spiritual nature of man, has written other works that evidence his partial if not avowed belief in Spiritualism — such as "Miss Luddington's Sister" and his shorter sketches "The Blind Man's World" and "To Whom It Shall Come," and more emphatically still in his last noble contribution to ethics, "Equality."

F. Marion Crawford, though brought up in Italy and with Italian affiliations, is nevertheless an American writer. Quite a number of his works show that he has made a special study of the occult, and the mysteries of mental phenomena. "Mr. Isaacs," among the earliest of his productions, has for his motif study of Oriental magic and mysticisms. "Among the Immortals" hints of materialization, while "The Witch of Prague" is a weird yet charming presentation of the possibilities of hypnotism. Among his other novels, "A Roman Singer" brings in the occult as a strong element of the plot.

How much attention is being awakened among our writers in recent years to the growing evidence of the spiritual side of man, as developed through mediumship, the investigations of the Society for Psychical Research and the scientific study of hypnotism, is shown by the frequent introduction of such subjects by writers who do not profess any of the facts, as such, of spiritual manifestations. Such works as Zola's "Lourdes," Edward Eggleston's "Faith Doctor," Mrs. Harrison Barton's "An Earnest Wooing," Hall Chace's "Deemster," Henry James' "Bostonians," Miss Murfree's "Prophet of the Great Smoky Mountain," and other stories, show as literary straws the stream of tendency to belief and consideration of the great question, "If a man die shall he live again?" Many of Wilkie Collins' delightful stories also touch on the various developments of the hidden life of humanity.

Besides the poets Emerson, Tennyson, the Brownings, Edwin Arnold, Whittier, Holmes, Longfellow, and presumably Dante and Gabriel Rossetti (since he was a believer who had personal experience), the trend of spiritual thought today is shown by the writers like John Fiske, in his series entitled "The Idea of God,"

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"REAL POVERTY." "GATHERING THEM IN."

Impromptu poem given through Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond at the close of the discourse, Sunday, December 16th, 1900. The subjects being presented by members of the audience.

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Poverty is only of the form;
The body subsists on the smallest food;
A little fire will keep it warm,
A little ministration of good.

But poverty is within the spirit;
Whoso dreads the pauper's fate is poor;
And a man who may a million inherit
Has no affluence at his door.

Whoso cannot give of what he has,
Or is fettered by fear of want and pain,
He is a pauper and must receive
Riches from the heart's great love again.

Though hunger and want are abroad in
the street,
A little bread, the bright picture near,
You will find the smile will gracefully meet
Your soothing of the pauper's tear.

But the great heart-hunger of the world,
The starvation in the midst of things,
This is the poverty where'er unfurled
The banners and pennons of the kings.

Poverty lurks behind the door
Of fear and dread of the pauper's doom,
But rises in the dreary's haunted room.

"The poor you have with you always,"
you know;
And in proportion as you give,
However humble your joys, lo!
In your spirit new blessings may live.

Remember the poor who are at your door;
Remember the pauper always when in
power,
Have pity for each, and the light before
Shall guide and guard thee every hour.

"Gather them in," said the shepherd of old;
"Go out with the faithful dog and see
Where my sheep have wandered from the
fold;
Surely in suffering they must be."

They went forth and found each one
Wandering, weary or cold, or fearing,
may be.

The light. If your spirit its goal hath won
Ye shall shelter the wanderers for me

Gather them into the fold of love;
May they know and feel that they are
near

To the blessed light, the kingdom above.
See them, clasp them by the hand with
good cheer!

Not yours, or ours; we do not hold
Souls or bodies here on earth,
But all who care for the kindly fold,
All who seek for the higher birth.

Let the Christmas-time this beauty
win;
So go forth as good shepherds and
gather them in.

FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE Washington State Association of Spiritualists. AT TACOMA, WASH.

The State Spiritualists Association of Washington met in Tacoma, November 22 and 23, for their 4th annual convention. The order of business consisted of the adoption of resolutions, action for the protection of worthy mediums, appointing of missionaries, and election of officers for the coming year.

Evening sessions were devoted to inspirational and phenomenal work.

The following resolutions were adopted:
Resolved — First: That the State Association of Washington will stand by the N. S. A. in its earnest endeavor to bring
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PARACELSUS WAS A PROPHET.

T. A. BLAND, M. D.

Almost four centuries ago, Paracelsus said to the physicians of that day:

"You have entirely deserted the path indicated by nature, and built up an artificial system, which is fit for nothing but to swindle the public and prey on the pockets of the sick. Your safety is due to the fact that your gibberish is unintelligible to the public who fancy it must have a meaning. Your art does not consist in curing the sick, but in worming yourselves into the favor of the rich and in swindling the poor. You live upon imposture, and the abatement of the legal profession enables you to carry on your impostures, and to evade punishment by the law."

"The ordinary physician knows little about the physical body, and nothing about the inner man, the cause of the emotions. Man's divine spirit is able to change his nature and to restore the health of the physical form. A physician who has no faith in spiritual power, can be nothing but an ignoramus and quack, even if he had graduated in all the medical colleges in the world. Nature—not man—is the physician. Man has lost the true light of reason, and the animal intellect, with its speculations and theories has usurped the place. The ways of nature are simple, and she does not require any complicated prescriptions."

Paracelsus was a prophet of the true healing art, and era, which Spiritualism is destined to establish and perfect, which materialistic scientists have failed to discover and must ever fail to establish.

"The wisdom of man is foolishness with the gods—spirit. But wisdom which cometh from above—from the spirit spheres—is pure." The wisdom of the higher spiritual realms is being poured out upon the world today in constantly increasing streams through mediums chosen by the spirits, on account of their gift of clairvoyance and other psychic endowments.

In my article in the *Progressive Thinker*, of November 6th, I refer to a medium of this class, who is an excellent illustration of my subject. I therefore use him again. This medium, Dr. J. S. Loucks, of Stoneham, Mass., is a man of sterling character, natural ability of a high order and rare gifts as a medium. I speak from personal knowledge, having witnessed his skill in reading disease by clairvoyant vision, and having investigated some of the cases he has successfully treated under direction of his spirit guides. He is a graduate in medicine, but he very modestly says:

"I take no credit to myself, for I am simply a medium among the sick and a band of wise spirit physicians, and powerful spirit magnetic healers. The spirit physicians do the diagnosing and prescribing of medicines, and the spirit healers use their magnetic power where that is indicated."

One of his band, Dr. Harlow, was a surgeon in this life, and he is more skillful now. He removed an ovarian tumor from Dr. Louck's wife, and he cured a case of insanity produced by concussion of the brain. He said: "I lifted the inner plate of the skull and thus took the pressure off the brain."

It is an interesting fact that spirit physicians without regard to the system they practiced on earth, use only nonpoisonous medicines now. It is to be hoped that physicians who accept Spiritualism as a truth, will take a hint from their professional brethren who have received new light since they passed to the higher life.

NINE DEMANDS OF LIBERALISM.

1. We demand that churches and other ecclesiastical property shall be no longer exempt from taxation.
2. We demand that the employment of chaplains in Congress, in the legislatures, in the navy and militia, and in prisons, asylums, and all other institutions supported by the public money, shall be discontinued.
3. We demand that all public appropriations for educational and charitable institutions of a sectarian character shall cease.
4. We demand that all religious services now sustained by the government shall be abolished; and especially that the use of the Bible in the public schools, whether ostensibly, as a text book or avowedly as a book of religious worship, shall be prohibited.
5. We demand that the appointment by the president of the United States or by the governors of the various states, of all the religious festivals and fasts shall wholly cease.
6. We demand that the judicial oath in the courts and in all other departments of the government shall be abolished, and that simple affirmation under the pains and penalties of perjury shall be established in its stead.
7. We demand that all laws directly or indirectly enforcing the observance of Sunday as the Sabbath shall be repealed.
8. We demand that all laws looking to the enforcement of "Christian" morality shall be abrogated and that all laws shall be conformed to the requirements of natural morality, equal rights and impartial liberty.
9. We demand that not only in the Constitution of the United States and of the several states, but also in the practical administration of the same, no privilege or advantage shall be conceded to Christianity or any other special religion; that our entire political system shall be founded and administered on a purely secular basis; and whatever changes shall prove necessary to this end shall be consistently, unflinchingly and promptly made.

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Now the people are deep in the mysteries of fire apparatus. Some want an engine with a thousand or two feet of hose, with steam kept up all the time. Others want an arrangement whereby the association engine will be cared for all the time and in readiness to have the steam made up in a few minutes at any time. Others are anxious to see an apparatus that can be worked by hand, purchased and installed, and so the matters goes. As it stands at present the prospects look exceedingly good for the purchase of something we can pay for now, with the intention to purchase something better as soon as possible.

A pump with a small supply of hose has been ordered and will be tested. If satisfactory it will be installed and more hose purchased to aid in fighting any incipient blaze.

In this connection THE SUNFLOWER wishes to say a word. It is not justice that the people of Lily Dale should bear the entire burden of this protection. They will be a company and care for things. Every property owner should aid to the extent of his interest and ability in securing such apparatus as will render us less likely to be completely wiped out by fire.

Two meetings have been held and the matter discussed. About \$75.00 is now available being held in several "citizens' funds," which will make quite a nucleus around which to build. For a few hundred dollars, much less than the loss by this one fire, we can secure good protection.

Tonight, (January 15th) a meeting will be held for the purpose of taking preliminary steps towards forming a fire company and becoming auxiliary to the State Fire Association.

The people thought the hearty support we received at the fire had placed us under obligations to our neighbors and as a token of appreciation we tendered a reception and dance to the people of this vicinity on Friday evening, January 6. Scott's orchestra was engaged for music, Library Hall was given to us for the occasion, Mrs. Dederick kindly gave the use of the South Park House for serving the supper, the ladies solicited and served it and we had one of the finest gatherings ever held on the grounds. A committee solicited the funds and everything was free. Dancing was kept up until 3 a. m., a good oyster supper was served and all reported a good time.

GENERAL NEWS.

Mrs. Crawford and Mr. Carroll's little girl, with Bert Bowen, left for La Porte, Tex. where they will join the remainder of the Carroll family.

Mrs. Maggie Wildrick and baby, also her mother, Mrs. Champlin have gone to Buffalo for the remainder of the winter.

Senor Green and Mr. Arant are at their cottage for a short time. They have been in Allegheny, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Fuller, spent a few days at Pine Valley, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy have returned after several weeks visit.

Fred Spencer is away on a business trip.

Mrs. Mary Todd has gone on a visit to Cherry Creek, Wellsville, Salamanca and other points. She will be gone about six weeks.

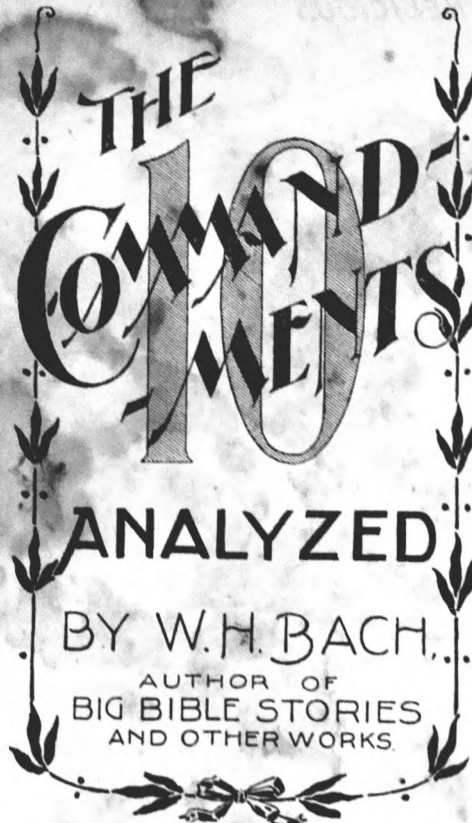
A. Bowers, who has been quite sick is slowly recovering. He was pretty close to the border but has rallied and will soon be able to be out among the people again. His nephew from Ohio spent several days with him.

Miss Russell is here looking after her goods that were saved from the fire. She talks of rebuilding her cottage.

E. G. Neelin, of Seaforth, Ont., has visited the Dale a couple of times recently.

It is rumored that Mr. Sherman, who spent part of the summer and fall among us, died near Ripley, N. Y., a couple days ago.

The people of Titusville, Pa., were shocked to learn of the death of Mr. W. S. Batchelder, one of the regular attendants at Lily Dale, who passed away suddenly at his home in Titusville, December 24. He had been feeling badly during the day and left his office at 5 p. m. going home and went immediately to his room where he passed away at 9 p. m. He was in the sixtieth year of his age. The services were conducted by Dr. F. O. Matthews.



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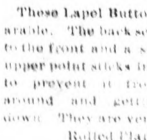
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Do you wish the world were better?
Let me tell you what to do,
Set a watch upon your actions,
Keep them always straight and true.
Rid your mind of selfish motives,
Let your thoughts be clean and high,
You can make a little Eden
Of the sphere you occupy.

Do you wish the world were wiser?
Well suppose you make a start
By accumulating wisdom
In the scrapbook of your heart.
Do not waste one page on folly;
Live to learn, and learn to live;
If you want to give men knowledge
You must get it ere you give.

Do you wish the world were happier?
Then remember, day by day,
Just to scatter seeds of kindness
As you pass along the way;
For the pleasure of the many
May be oftentimes traced to one,
As the hand that plants an acorn
Shelters armies from the sun.

ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

Since it is impossible to escape the result of our own deeds, let us practice good works. —BUDDHA.

SOME AUTO-SUGGESTIONS.

By Lida May Smith.

To repeat upon retiring at night and upon rising in the morning:

"I am free, perfectly free to live my own life. I have set all others free and thus gained my own freedom."

"I am free. I am not held by any condition or any environment in life. I feel that I have the power within myself to shape my life just as I wish it to be and I will use this power for my own good and the good of others."

"I am master of my own body; it must and will obey my commands."

"I am growing stronger, growing stronger every day, mentally, morally and physically."

"As I realize the possibility of shaping my own destiny, of being master instead of slave of circumstances, the path of life before me grows brighter and brighter. I know that the future holds greater happiness for me than I have realized in the past."

"Success in whatever I undertake is already mine through my recognizing my power of achieving it."

"No matter what obstacles I have to meet or what discouragements I have to overcome I will finally succeed; nothing can hinder me."

"No one in the world has any power to harm me, only good can come to me. Only good can come to me."

Every man stamps his value upon himself and we are great or small according to our own will. —SAMUEL SMILES.

DOMINION OF MIND OVER BODY.

The following is taken from an article by William James Cromie in the January *Woman's Physical Development*.

Sick thoughts and melancholy moods are the forerunner of disease. Instead of guarding against disease by expelling every symptom, whether of unhealthfulness, we render ourselves an easy prey to the spoiler by watching for the symptoms of the very disease we dread, and picturing every feature of the dread malady. How many boys and girls contract consumption being brought up with the conviction always thrust upon their minds that they must die of that disease because their parents did; whereas they could have been strong and healthy had they exercised the body systematically and exerted their will power.

Miss Lillian Russell is reported to have said in an interview: "When I get headaches I am able to get rid of them by simply concentrating my mind on the proposition that I have no headache. When I am fatigued and would fain seek rest when I should be at work, I simply insist to myself that I am fresh and strong, and lo, I become fresh and strong at once. By concentrating my mind on the undertaking I have cured hiccoughs when all other known remedies have failed. Of course I do not believe that I could wish myself a new arm should I have one cut off by a Broadway cable car, nor do I believe that the mind would be strong enough to equip me with a new lung should I fall the victim to the ravages of consumption. I do not go to those lengths. But I do say that we are too prone to drug ourselves, and that the mind is in such general control that the ordinary ills of life can be cured by thought concentration."

We barely begin to realize the wonderful power of mind over matter. Dominated by a great idea, the weak become strong, the timid brave; martyrs weak in body but strong in mind, withstood great hardships, privations and even death. The Covenanters of Scotland went to the stake rejoicing, and the early Christians praised God while they were being torn and devoured by wild beasts. People never think of pain in time of great excitement.

Seneca said: "It is part of the cure to wish to be cured." When we wish to become strong and healthy, that itself is evidence that we can become so if we live right. If one has enough will power to live when sickness and disease are everywhere about him, he has enough power to regain health if exercise and rational methods be engaged.

Self reverence, self knowledge, self control; these three alone lead life to sovereign power. —TENNYSON.

LETTER FROM

Mrs. Mary C. VanKanzler.

I wish to add my appreciation with others to the appearance of the new dress so gracefully becoming to THE SUNFLOWER. I always feel like shouting aloud when any one of our co-workers has succeeded in clearing away the obstacles that beset their pathway. I often think that anything we do where there is the greatest good to accrue to others and also to ourselves is strengthened by what we have to endure to accomplish it. The Metaphysical Department to your columns is a most valuable consideration. If Mrs. Bach gives us such choice selections every time I feel that cosmetics will be a drug on the market and old age with its infirmities would depart from the human family in the next quarter of a century.

I have lectured in this city since February 15, 1900. The Cause here is slowly progressing. One is obliged to educate and spiritualize at the same time to help the people to a lasting benefit, only to be derived in the knowledge of Spiritualism. Here as in many other places sensationalism in any form is followed by a reaction; whereas a slow unfolding means a healthy growth and the persons developed in this way in time will be the pillars to support growing interests in organization and practical work in every way for the good of humanity.

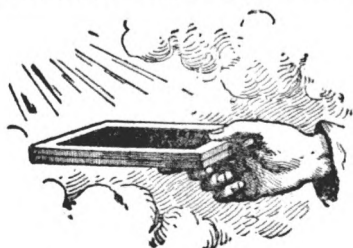
East Syracuse is about four miles distant from its parent city. I began my work with a few earnest souls there last April, speaking and giving tests one evening in the week; they are progressing. Many begin to realize they possess mediumistic possibilities.

The first visit I made to Auburn was November 2, and since that date I have lectured and given tests every Friday evening. There is considerable inquiry. My audiences are largely composed of skeptics. It is strange how often Spiritualists feel not to support their Cause and expect strangers and skeptics to carry the burden of presenting the teachings and proof of Spiritualism.

I am thinking Mr. Editor, if I were to furnish you a report of my receipts from the beginning of 1900 up to the present it would surprise you. I am not financially able to continue it much as I would like to see our Cause progress here and I would like to have an engagement with a society that would appreciate and remunerate a willing worker in Spiritualism. There is no part of the United States where earnest work ought to be done as through Central New York, and I have lectured in most of our cities from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Where will you find so many cities and villages, and I write it with regret, many of these places the people never yet have had an opportunity to attend a Spiritualist meeting because no speaker or medium has visited them for that purpose.

We have our State Organization. I am questioned by many, "Why don't we hear from the officers who have assumed responsibilities in forwarding organized work?" Other states are fostering our Cause by active workers inspiring the people to efforts. There should be united influence brought to bear upon the movement here as in other States. The people of New York State if approached in a representative manner are considerate and courteous, hence the need of official leaders at the present time to make our cause felt for its great power as the coming benefactor of the Twentieth Century to all humanity. If we are only to hold an annual Convention and make no further effort until about the time of the yearly meeting, the Spiritualists will lose confidence in organized work and finally no interest will be manifested for their confidence will be weakened in all their undertakings to sustain an organized movement. This is a kindly criticism hoping to arouse proper persons to realize they owe our Cause a duty.

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GREETING FROM WILL PHILLIPS,

Editor of The Two Worlds, Manchester England.

Just a line of greeting from the new century just commencing, to THE SUNFLOWER, its genial editor and its hosts of readers. The vivid portrayal of the happiness of camp meeting at Lily Dale, and the thousand and one joys to be obtained in season at that favorite and favored spot, makes one long to lay down the pen in grimy, smoky, foggy Manchester, and fly away to be at rest where the Sunflower never withers and Lily never fades. But I suppose you have your changes of climate as we have and therefore, with a sigh of resignation, I turn once more to the fog. But, inside there is brightness, and my heart warms to the many friends I have never seen; and to them I stretch out the warm hand of fellowship and trust that through the coming year the Sunflower may indeed be the symbol of their lives which shall then ever face the sun and leave the shadow behind. Amid the war roar we can hear the peace bells ringing. God grant the desire of all noble men and women may be consummated this century and that the dogs of war may be put out of existence in the lethal chamber of a merciful arbitration.

Thanks, Bro. Bach for your stalwart advocacy of truth; verily the truth shall make us free.

With every kind thought for yourself and your family believe me your sincere but physically unknown friend.

WILL PHILLIPS.

IN HONOR OF MR. AND MRS.

E. W. SPRAGUE.

At a meeting of the Philadelphia Spiritualist Society, held in Handen and Handel Hall, Philadelphia, Pa., December 30, 1900, the following resolutions were offered by Mr. Geo. S. Bowen and were unanimously adopted.

Mr. President: Having enjoyed the enlightened ministrations of our brother, E. W. Sprague and his estimable wife, during the past month, to this society, it seems proper that some general expression of appreciation should be offered to these inspired and earnest apostles of the truth and beauty of the spiritual philosophy and the importance of its promulgation throughout the world. Therefore submit the following resolutions for your consideration.

Resolved: That the sincere thanks of this society are hereby tendered to Brother and Sister Sprague for their refined and inspirational teachings rendered with such clear and unanswerable logic, that every thought expressed carries conviction and finds a response in the heart and soul of every unprejudiced man or woman, for it is the truth that makes men free.

Resolved: "That the messages from the many spirit friends given with such clearness that recognition is universally prompt and satisfactory to recipients, is a proof of their ability to provide conditions whereby spirits may communicate to mortals and definitely answer the great question, "If a man die shall he live again?" to the delight of so many who have been kept in darkness and ignorance as the result of the blind teachings of theology."

Resolved: "That every member of this society desires to express his thanks to Brother Sprague for his practical teachings in reference to the importance of preparing to live, the positive certainty of punishment for sin, the inconsistency of the vicarious sacrifice, the inspiring and uplifting principle of love and good will — the doctrine of individual assertion that health and happiness are universal and that the highest moral state is productive of the most perfect spiritual condition, and our regret is that thousands have not enjoyed listening to his words of wisdom as given in his various discourses."

Resolved: "That in their departure from among us to engage in other fields of labor, they carry with them our best wishes and an earnest hope that the New Century may bring to them all the good things that their hearts may desire, and that health and continued years may be theirs."

Resolved: "That a record of these resolutions be placed in the books of the secretary of this society, and that a copy of the same be sent to the Spiritualist papers for publication. Signed: Thomas Locke, pres.; Samuel Wheeler, vice-pres.; Josephine L. Smith, sec'y.; Julia R. Locke, treas.; Josephine M. Hinds, Mary R. Galloway, Charles Hammer, Lawrence Bessinger, Marie Wheeler, Charles Dougherty, W. R. McGlenn, Executive Board of the Philadelphia Spiritualist Society."

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ASTROLOGY.

SOME THOUGHTS AND EXPERIMENTS.

BY W. H. BACH.

During the past decade a great interest has been manifested in Astrology. Occult matters of all classes have come in for a generous share of popular investigation, much has been demonstrated along lines pertaining to man's spiritual and moral, as well as physical development, but all have been of the theoretical nature and as such, it has not appealed so strongly to the practical, as it has to the impulsive natures of humanity.

Astrology has seemed to operate upon a slightly different plan. It has appealed to the practical side. It has not only asked an investigation, but it has said to all: "Investigate me on practical, scientific lines and see if there is anything that appeals to that side of your nature."

In a few words the theory or premise upon which the science is based is about as follows: "It is claimed that every planet is a magnetic body and as such has an influence upon individuals. If planets are what we suppose them to be, viz. living worlds, capable of producing and sustaining life, they must be magnetic bodies and possess an influence."

At the time of birth the entire condition of the individual undergoes a change. The aquatic life of the embryonic state is changed to an aerial; the new being becomes an individualized entity, separate from the mother and enters the world on an independent basis.

Admitting that the planets are magnetic bodies, what would be more natural than that the prevailing conditions impressed upon the individual should have an influence upon the nature, life and even term of existence of the person.

This, in a nut shell, is the theory of Astrology.

Mr. Maunder, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Science, of England, has recently taken it upon himself to criticize Astrology, saying that "Modern Astronomers had no use for it." While we might admit this statement to be true, we might also ask Mr. Maunder if he considers Camille Flammarion an example of "modern astronomers." Certainly Flammarion does not ridicule Astrology — on the contrary, a true scientist, such as Flammarion is, will not ridicule anything. He takes the good of everything and leaves the bad or worthless, and he finds much good in Astrology.

Mr. Maunder says: "Astrologers call Jupiter 'fortunate' and Saturn 'malign'; but if any one should see fit to reverse the attributes, who could contradict him?" We might as well say that modern chemists call sugar good and arsenic poison; but if any one saw fit to contradict the statement, who could contradict him? The same evidence that proves the one, proves the other. We have demonstrated by experience that sugar has a good influence on the human body. In the Boer war, England sent out tons of candy to feed to the soldiers, as it has been found that it improves their health, aids digestion, tends to keep down dysentery and is in many other ways beneficial to them. It has also been proven that a very limited quantity of arsenic taken into the system is injurious and a sufficient quantity will kill.

Now to apply the same test to Astrology and especially to the illustration under discussion. Jupiter in what is called "good aspect" has always proven to be beneficial in its influence. The second house of the horoscope is called the house of money. Jupiter is in that house in the greater proportion, if not all, of the cases of the very wealthy individuals and where not found in the second house it will be in the tenth, signifying very powerful friends. Jupiter, or some other "fortunate" planet will be found in the house of children, in the case of large families, a fortunate planet in the house of life in case of great longevity, and so on.

On the contrary, where "malefic" planets are found in any of these houses, the experience of the individual shows that there is a something that seems to work against every effort he may make. Saturn, or any other malefic planet in the house makes the native very unfortunate in any branch represented by that house. For instance, the writer has malefic planets ruling the house governing specula-

tion. He could not trade jack-knives without getting the worst of it, and every attempt in the line of speculation has resulted disastrously. This was the case long before he knew anything of Astrology. On the contrary, the indications are for success in business and especially literary matters; this paper and the many editions of his books being sufficient evidence of the truth of the Astrological aspect in the case.

Find a family in which there are no children and you will find a malefic planet in the house of children in case of either or both the husband and wife. Certain figurations in the sign that is ascending at the time of birth indicate the physical appearance of the native. Then, given the exact time of birth, the sign ascending at the point of birth at that time will give the positions of the planets and from it an accurate description of the personal appearance, the mental nature, capabilities, and one very practical Astrologer even stated that if he was given the exact time and place of birth, he would agree to give the trend of thought of the individual at any time during his life.

Now a number of assertions have been made. Is there a substantial basis upon which to build? To answer this question we must apply some actual experiences.

The writer has, in connection with Mr. N. H. Eddy, of Buffalo, made a number of experiments to test the truth of the astrological hypothesis. A few will be interesting.

In November 1899, Mr. Eddy wrote to me about as follows: "On April 6 and 7, you will settle some business matters. That of April 6, will refer to a literary matter, that of the 7 to a financial matter."

The incident had entirely passed from my mind. During March an incident in connection with a literary matter had given me quite a little anxiety and from all appearances was likely to turn out far from satisfactory. No word had been received from the person with whom the arrangement was made and on the night of the 5th there was apparently as little hope of a settlement as at any time for a month. On the morning of the 6th, having occasion to go to the R. R. station I found a lot of paper addressed to me. I had not ordered any such paper and did not know what it could be. It finally dawned on me that this was paper sent to fill the requirements of the literary matter which was pending. Investigation disclosed the fact, that the person knowing where I got my paper, went to my stock house, selected the paper for his job and had it shipped to me, notifying me of the fact by mail. A literary matter settled on April 6th, and prophesied in November.

Another matter had been hanging fire for several months. On April 6th it was apparently no nearer a conclusion than it was two months before. On April 7th the person with whom the arrangement was pending, called at my office, without any solicitation on my part, and the first words were: "I am now ready to close that deal." The deal was accordingly closed, all arrangements made and the contract signed, but the money was not paid over until the 9th, the 8th being Sunday. But everything was settled except the mere transfer of the cash, on the 7th, the day which was prophesied five months before.

Were these two items coincidences? If that is your claim, it would be possible for me to give dozens of other experiences, as Mr. Eddy and myself have been making experiments to prove or disprove the results of certain aspects or positions of the heavenly bodies.

Again it has been demonstrated that the planetary influences have an effect upon so simple a thing as a pack of playing cards. Telling fortunes with cards is an old and interesting amusement. It is not necessary to tell how many times these prophecies, told in a joking way, come to pass.

Why do they come to pass? Simply because they are affected by the planetary influences and certain cards appear in certain positions in relation to the influences operating. No person who plays cards has failed to notice the effect pro-

duced by the peculiar configuration of the cards. Every one has noticed how "trumps" run all one way sometimes. All have noticed that in a room full of people playing "progressive" where the cards are cut at practically the same moment, the trumps run about the same and sometimes the same trump will be turned up nearly every game of an evening.

Why is it? Because they are influenced, and certain people, who have made a study of such matters, have found what the relationship is that exists between the planetary influences and the cards. How can it be done? asks our doubting F. R. S. Just as you learn anything else in the realms of physical science. By investigation. How do you know that water is H₂O? Simply by experiment. You have utilized a current of electricity to decompose the water into its component gases and have learned that such is the formula to produce it. How do we know this astrological fact to be such? In exactly the same way. Cut the cards under certain conditions and whenever those conditions prevail, that card will be cut. No question about it! It has been demonstrated as conclusively to those who have investigated it as the fact that water is composed of two highly inflammable gases is to you. Really there is not a more absurd proposition in the world, to an ignorant person who knows nothing of chemistry, than the statement that water, which is very heavy and will quench fire, is composed of two of the most inflammable and lightest elements known.

Let us illustrate the above point. At one time when Olney Richmond, afterwards Grand Magea of the Order of the Magi, was living in Jackson, Mich., a reporter of a Chicago paper was sent to interview him. On the gentleman's arrival Mr. Richmond met him at the door saying: "I am glad to meet you. I was expecting you." This was a surprise to the reporter for he did not suppose anyone knew of his visit. He passed into the reception room where he was handed an envelope and requested to place it in his pocket until it was called for. After conversing a while Mr. R. suggested some experiments and brought out a common pack of cards. The reporter was requested to cut them at a

certain time, making three cuts at the exact time indicated by Mr. R. This was done and the cards laid out on the table. Then Mr. R. asked the reporter to take out the envelope, open it and read the contents. He was utterly dumbfounded to read that a man of a certain appearance (describing himself) would appear at the house at a certain time and if a test was made with the mystic test book, (cutting the cards) at a certain hour, such cards would be cut. Before him lay the cards. I did not see this operation, but the reporter's account was published in a Chicago paper at the time, the Herald, I think, and I have witnessed similar experiments under the manipulation of Frederick White of Minneapolis, at present, Editor and publisher of the Adept.

These things are straws which show which way the wind blows. Therefore if a person wishes to maintain a reputation for intelligence these days, he or she should be very careful about pronouncing the word "impossible" or "a fake." The dream of yesterday is the prevailing thought of today, the scientifically demonstrated fact of tomorrow.

But I must stop or no one will wade through this long article. In conclusion let me say, that Astrology is as much a demonstrated science as is any science in existence. Is it fatalism? is a question I will take up at some future date.



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Finite and Infinite.

MAX MUEHLENBRUCH.

Many thinkers of deep thought, and writers of progressive minds have written upon this subject, pro and con, hence we endeavor to contribute our mite through this humble instrumentality.

In THE SUNFLOWER of December 15, No. 43, Vol 5, we wrote an article "From Whence came Man?" and placed the power of evolution in expression.

We desire to use this thought, "evolution," as an argument in this following article.

Can man prolong life by mental force, diet, as well as taking care of the physical body?

If the law of evolution is true, life cannot exist in the physical, longer than for the time it was placed there by the fountain-head of all life, as each separate life has a mission to fulfill.

Should one life over-balance itself, as it has been claimed heretofore that a man can live a century if so desired, it would overthrow the law of evolution, as all life must evolve in its channel.

The law of evolution is to us like the works of a watch, only more refined in its mechanism. We only give this crude illustration that our meaning may be understood. Every wheel of this watch has its purpose, working round its own pivot. Should one wheel take a notion to run faster, it would throw the whole mechanism out of order, and so with the evolution of life. All life fulfills its mission, and then departs to the fountain-head of all life.

To be sure, a person may use the argument that a watch may be repaired many times. So can a human body. It can be held up by medical assistance and mental treatment, but when the flame of life has obeyed the law of nature and evolution, it will take its departure. If it would be otherwise, we would throw away the fact of evolution, and deny that all lives evolve step by step.

However I do not wish to be misunderstood. I recognize the power in mental thought and treatment, yet remember we are finite and not infinite. I again recognize the fact that we are a spark of the infinite, or better speaking, we are a part of life from the fountain-head of all life, hence we should evoke the power of mentality to evolve the infinity, but this cannot be done through the expression of the present state of mind, and may take many ages of evolution and incarnation before coming to that point.

Many times people make the expression. "We are the image of God." "We are a spark of the infinite."

Here we desire to ask: "What is God, and what is the infinite?"

We wish to state that we are the image of life. Life exists in all things, from the smallest grain of sand to the vast conditions of space and as space exists everywhere, life is everywhere.

The very atmosphere is permeated with life. The mind is life, consequently every thought thrown into the world is life, and will go on to do its part, therefore we should broaden our minds to reach the highest unfoldment which can be attained in this physical body. The higher a person progresses in this physical life, in knowledge and understanding, the higher sphere this spirit will reach after leaving this physical body.

We desire to give the following illustration. You come into this world naked and bare, You go through this world with trouble and care; You go out of this world, you know not where, Be a good fellow here, you'll be a good fellow there.

There is no infallibility in mediums or psychics, nor even in spirits out of the body. All things exist in the counterpart of life, and so with this physical planet of ours. It is a counterpart of yonder land.

A great number of people labor under the wrong impression concerning the land beyond the physical sight. They surmise that all is brightness, but not so.

A person will arrive in the next state of existence in the same condition as they left off in this life. On account of a person passing out of this state of existence to yonder land, it does not change their individuality whatsoever, hence we desire to impress upon you, dear reader, that yonder land is a land of progression, and no golden streets, with golden harps, and a white throne are to be found. It is a land of many changes, the same as you find in this physical existence of yours.

Many people labor under the wrong impression by thinking that the yonder land is all brightness and comfort, and after arriving there, they have nothing but pleasure and idleness to abide. Far from it. It is a land of hustle and bustle; not in the material way, but in the question of thought.

"A Methodist here, a Methodist in yonder land."

This pertains to all conditions of denominations as well as political affairs until they have reached the unfoldment of higher progression and have progressed through promulgation of higher thought, out of the sphere next to earth and so it will go on from sphere to sphere, until finally the light of all universal life is brought to the understanding of all knowledge.

It is well to lay down the condition of narrowness, as our reasoning faculties teach us that we are a spark of all life, hence it behooves us to cultivate our reason faculties into broadness, and take the good out of all conditions of life whenever and wherever it can be found.

As soon as you come to this understanding that all is life, you will reach the point where you will not use prejudice and condemnation.

What right has any person to condemn anything which he does not understand?

It shows bigotry and egotism. It shows jealousy and selfishness. It shows that the progressive thought has not reached the promulgation of higher understanding.

All mankind will sooner or later come to the understanding that we are insignificant pieces of humanity, and do not know it all, but should place ourselves in order to use our reason faculties, and should be willing

ling to learn whenever a new thought should be brought to us.

"Condemn not thy brother, as thou art not thy brother's master!" but human beings are too ready to see the mote in their neighbor's eyes, but fail to find it in their own, through egotism. Condemnation is too often brought forth by the ignorant bigotry which remains within our mortality.

Oh, dear reader, why not progress out of this narrow condition of thought? Reach the thought, "We are all brothers and sisters in the condition of spirit or expression of the soul." Lay aside all prejudice, all selfishness, as we all are one, no matter what denomination or nationality we may be.

Each and every soul is a spark of life from the fountain head of all life, no matter in what body it may be encased.

LIFE.

Written Inspirationally for The Sunflower

By Mrs. F. A. Prosser.

Myriads are rushing along in life's great turmoil, with never a thought of life.

What is it? and why is it?

Some are too full of selfish aims to pause, else from their grasp might slip some coveted prize, some opportunity pass them by, whereby they could add to their earthly treasure. Of such I would say, God pity them! The poverty of the soul will be pitiful! All this worldly wealth will have slipped away and the famished soul will walk in darkness. Friends, do not misunderstand me. There are many spiritually minded ones, who are accounted rich in material wealth; but their lives have not been spent in scheming and devising means to accumulate that wealth. Again a certain amount of material wealth is essential for the well-being of all earth's inhabitants.

But friends if you train your minds aright, soul culture may be attained, even though your hands are busy with the needed employment that brings you necessary provision and raiment and the wherewith to make the material life a joy indeed.

Let thoughts of the wonders of nature be with you. Look to the vast universe, yours to behold, and by its lessons learn of its magnitude "the half has never been told," and gradually train your mind to link all in one comprehensible whole, whose entirety is God, and whose evolution forces constitute a stupendous study whereby we may gain knowledge of the entity therein.

While thoughts like these course through the mind, you are walking step by step up the gleaming heights of understanding of all things, the goal toward which all reasoning mind is tending.

Millions are on the way and rejoice at the exceeding satisfaction felt as each riddle is solved and the way cleared for yet greater problems to unfold and develop, broaden and beautify the souls of men. These are a

few of the best of life's lessons. To see all reaching out after greater understanding of all things tending to spiritualize the mind, that the day may come when we shall see the inhabitants of earth, prepared for the lessons we are eager to give unto them, that they may keep in step with us, while we journey on in the spiritual life.

Then no regret will be yours, and the uttermost heights of aspiration may be yours, when you too are done with the swaddling clothes of life and you are no longer encumbered by the physical.

But friends this physical life is as glorious in its uses, as are the more advanced stages.

Aye, even more so, for without its creating and evolving force, the personified being, whose individualized soul is for all time, would not be.

Then guard it well, care for it as a valuable gem. Keep from all harm and make all conditions favorable for its continuance the allotted time, when it shall have served its purpose and be again resolved into its component parts, again to spring to material life, in some new form. The soul, the reasoning part of this material structure takes up its abode in a new body etherealized, there to journey on. Jesus said: "Lest ye be born again, ye can in no wise enter the kingdom of heaven."

This, friends, means the birth into the spiritual body. He also taught concerning the purification from all dross and sensual things necessary for the soul, seeking participation in the joys of heaven. For the soul steeped in grossness, despises itself and knows not where to hide lest all should see his vileness. Each man his own accuser, each one his own villifier.

The saviors of mankind are many, for whose setteth in the minds of men, a desire to rectify their lives, even they are saviors unto them. Whoso leadeth their brotherman into the paths of righteousness, they also are saviors.

Up and to work, my friends and let not one fall at thy feet, or by the wayside, without thy call to come up and out of the paths of sinning and bathe in the pure waters of well doing.

Peace and joy will grow out of every trial, when all shall have learned the uses, and soul development achieved by and through these same trials. Make the true me of life one of thanksgiving for the knowledge of eternal life and rejoice, that unto you is being given knowledge of why all things are, that the glad angels, once incarnate spirit, now etherealized and sanctified, are around about you, striving to lead you to higher thought, grander endeavor and most of all, striving to fit your minds for the life in the home not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.



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THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPENED.

By DAVID WILLIAMS.

There never was an Adam; the Hebrew word Adam corresponding to the Latin word "Homo," the generic term for man.

There never was an Eve; Eve is the Anglicised Greek form of the Hebrew word for life, representing the mother of all living.

Hence Adam and Eve represented the two forces in nature, the positive and the negative, or the male and female.

There never was a Garden of Eden containing a tree whose fruit yielded a knowledge of good and evil, and another which imparts immortality; a talking serpent who walks on its tail and tempts Eve to partake of that forbidden fruit after God had forbidden them to eat it, and telling him, "In the day thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die." This threat was a mistake, for Adam lived 130 years after he enjoyed the luscious fruit with his good wife.

There never was a woman turned into a pillar of salt. Why not have turned her into a pillar of pepper or saleratus? There never was made a passage through the Red Sea for the Israelites to pass over on dry land, and the Egyptians, intent on their destruction, were all drowned by the waters closing in upon them. The story of Samson tying 300 foxes tail to tail, with a fire brand between them and destroying the ripe corn of the Philistines, never happened. Samson never slew 1,000 Philistines with the jaw bone of an ass. This story is fabulous. It is only an ass that can give it credence.

The sun and moon never stood still for a whole day so Joshua might slay innocent men, women and children. The law of the attraction of gravity was never suspended for the benefit of Joshua.

Forty-two children were never torn to pieces by two she bears because Elisha cursed them in the name of the Lord for saying to him "Go up, thou bald; go up, thou bald head."

There never was a Jonah in the stomach of a fish three days. This never happened. The story is a myth of the sun god. The story of the hogs being driven into the sea and being drowned is fabulous; it never occurred. It never rained forty days and nights, inundating the whole earth with water and submerging all things visible in its liquid embrace. This never happened.

The story of Noah and his ark is a legend; it never reposed on the bosom of Mount Ararat. The building of the Tower of Babel is a legend; it has never been found. It represents the folly of ambition and its dire results. The conception of Jesus born of God is fabulous; it never happened. A child was never born without a father.

These stories are astrological, mythical and legendary. To accept them as actual occurrences or facts is to destroy reason and common sense; and yet I would not have them eliminated from the Bible or from history. They but indicate the mental and spiritual condition of the age in which they were written.

All of these stories belong to an age of superstition and yet are significant if rightly interpreted. This is an age of disintegration. The cultured mind is sweeping away the myths and dogmas of the past ages and science is supplanting the old allegories and legends with facts in harmony with the eternal principles of nature.

THE SPIRITUAL IN LITERATURE.

Continued from page 1.

"The Destiny of Man," and "Through Nature to God;" Drummond's "Natural Law in the Spiritual World;" the writings of Henry Wood, such as "God's Image of Man" and "Studies in the Thought World" as well as by the wide publications in leading journals everywhere of the careful investigations of scholars and thinkers of the Psychological Research Society, and the verdict of such men as Professors Crookes, Alfred Russell Wallace, Oliver Lodge, Henry Sedgwick, F. W. H. Myers, Richard Hodgson, Professor William James of Harvard, Professor J. H. Hyslop of Columbia University and Rev. M. J. Savage in regard to evidential proof of immortality through communication with the so-called dead.

Biographical literature, too, is playing its part in calling attention to spiritual thought, as in the recently published "Letters" of Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Harriet Beecher Stowe's "Life and Letters," Elizabeth Stuart Phelps' "Autobiography," and the "Life of William Lloyd Garrison." The subject of Spiritualism is discussed at some length in the second volume of Mrs. Browning's letters to her friends — not the letters that passed between the poet-lovers.

I have not undertaken in this paper to speak of the steady outpour from the press of literature by comparatively unknown writers that deals wholly with psychic problems and spiritual possibilities and is doing effective work in various directions. My aim has been to prove the strong impulse towards increasing belief in man's higher (or spiritual) purpose in the Universe, since the writers of any age, like the poets and song-makers, reflect always the prevailing thought, feeling, and tendencies of the silent masses.

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THE TWENTIETH CENTURY BANNER OF LIGHT

reached us in due time. The publishers have certainly outdone themselves in the effort to open the century in proper style. The portraits of those who have been prominently connected with the Banner since its inception over forty years ago are of particular interest at the present time when so much interest centers in the study of psychic phenomena. From William White, to baby Xilia, is quite a stride. Success to the Banner and its publishers.

NYA TIDEN SUSPENDED.

We regret to chronicle the fact that Nya Tiden, the Scandinavian Spiritualist paper published in Minneapolis has finally been forced to suspend publication. It is a remarkable fact that Miss Carrie Swenson, a young lady, has been able, single handed, to carry this burden for so long a time, it is to be regretted that she has not been sustained so as to enable her to continue the work. We regret to lose Miss Swenson from among us, and wish her success in whatever calling she may follow in life.

THANKS, FRIENDS.

So many letters of congratulation have come to us since THE SUNFLOWER was enlarged and it received its new heading that we have not tried to make personal replies. We take this method of reaching all. We fully appreciate the good words and kind thoughts thrown out to us and will endeavor to reciprocate by giving a continually improved paper.

By some means the name of Moses Hull, the author of the article "An immense Fish Story" published in the January first SUNFLOWER, was omitted. These are things that will happen occasionally even with the best of care. Willard J. Hull explained this matter fully when he said: "An editor will read his proof half a dozen times and pass over the same error and as soon as the paper is printed and the error beyond repair, he can't see another thing on the page except the error."

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Two events of especial interest to Liberalists of every class, have recently taken place in this country.

While all of the states are discussing placing taxes upon all church property, California has recently passed a constitutional amendment exempting church property from taxation.

The State's Attorney of Oregon has recently decided that Bible reading in the public schools is legal and a part of the curriculum, and that a child may be expelled for declining to take part in the religious exercises.

Both of these are steps backward into superstition. Church property should be taxed and all classes of religion should be kept out of the public schools if we wish to maintain free American institutions. Where are the Liberal element? All asleep? Wake up, if you want to maintain your rights.

DO YOU ADDRESS LETTERS THIS WAY.

So much is said about care in addressing, signing and mailing letters that it becomes somewhat of a "chestnut" to the people, but if they could stand in the shoes of the mail order trade for a week, they would say we do not say half enough about it.

Below we give a photographic reproduction of the superscription on an envelope that came to our office recently.

Mr. Editor
Lily Dale
N. Y.

How is anyone going to deliver a letter addressed this way? The way this happened to be delivered was that postmasters are supposed to use all the facilities at their command to expedite the delivery of mail. We have an extensive acquaintance with the people who come to this place and the addresses of many of them on our subscription list. We are therefore able to aid him to forward many a letter to its destination, that would otherwise go to the dead letter office. This one was referred to us, and we said that it was intended for Mr. Editor, and belonged to THE SUNFLOWER. He did not want to deliver the letter and we finally opened it in his presence and it contained a subscription for THE SUNFLOWER, thus proving where it belonged.

But suppose there had been two or more papers published here, then what editor would have been entitled to receive it? There was no return on it and it would have to go to the dead letter office where it would have been detained for several weeks or months, and after a week or two we would have had a letter reading about like this: "I sent you fifty cents for THE SUNFLOWER. I have not received it. Do you intend to steal my money?"

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THE POPE AND THE PHILIPPINES.

And now it is "His Holiness" Pope Leo XIII, who has come forward with the announcement that "If the United States gives up the Philippines, he will have to get some other power to take them."

How terribly awful this is! But what has Pope Leo got to do with it? Who has asked him to poke his "holy" nose into the Philippine business? It is a bad deal and Uncle Sam would have been better out of it than in it, but as the opportunity of backing out was lost immediately after the battle of Manila Bay, our Uncle will see the matter through. Incidentally he will deal a blow to the representatives of Pope Leo that will give them to understand that it means hands off. Since Italy, who could not whip Abyssinia, has bluffed the Pope, he is pretty small potatoes in the political world. Some second and third class nations may be induced to pamper to him, but none of the real nations give his vapors a thought. Cool down, Leo, tend to your religious knitting and let politics alone. You will get your fingers burnt if you don't.

Lake Helen Camp Meeting, Florida.

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FROM THE N. S. A.

Perhaps a little news from the home of the N. S. A. may be of interest to you and your readers now that the new year, and the Twentieth Century have alike dawned upon our world. At this home the inmates with Treasurer Mayer, Mr. and Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Rolfe held—with their spirit friends, a "watch meeting," and around the social board, passed the hours from 10 p. m. December 31st, till 1 a. m. Jan. 1st. During the meeting, beautiful words of encouragement and prophecy were uttered, poems rendered from the spirit side of life, all of which added to the feast that all enjoyed. At the close of the exercises, souvenirs of the occasion were drawn from a covered dish, by each one present—while Spirit Nannie bade them make a silent wish, which she felt sure would be fulfilled.

These festivities of course had nothing to do with the N. S. A., but were only the home observance of the Secretary's family, but for true spiritual enjoyment, as well as for material pleasure, we doubt if they could be excelled by any other gathering to watch the old year out, in the land.

The N. S. A. is doing good work, and we are constantly receiving reports of the same. Our missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sprague, are at work day and night, and are stirring the people up in every place they visit; it is impossible for them to go to all the sections where they are wanted, but they are doing a grand and needed work. The N. S. A. cannot send out as many paid missionaries as it desires, and it has to ask the co-operation of Spiritualists where the meetings are to be held, but so far this season we are satisfied and we are working in the right direction, and although the expense to this association, in its missionary work far exceeds its receipts we are certain that the good effected for our Cause, is far beyond any estimate in dollars and cents.

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I am obliged to reiterate that the N. S. A. neither confers ordination on anyone, or authorizes any person to perform an ordination ceremony in its name, it leaves local societies to ordain their workers, the N. S. A. simply registers those who are thus ordained who conform to the rules.

We received a contribution for the home fund from the Island of Luzon, in the Philippines, a short time ago, showing that the friends of the Cause are to be found in every place. We appreciated the gift and the kindly thought coming with it. Only a few days ago the wife of Milan C. Edson of this city—author of the new and valuable work "Solaris Farm" passed to spirit life after an illness of one week. Mrs. Edson was a true Spiritualist, and lived the life of such; we know that she has found a beautiful home in the glad beyond. The funeral exercises over the remains were those of Spiritualism, and a consolation to the family.

The cause is doing well here, though we are now doing our best to get obnoxious tax law against mediums modified or repealed—this is a tax law against holding seances for pay, and not the one proposed last year which we had eliminated from the list.

NOTICE.

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ment, by W. H. Bach, had been before the public for five years; during this time five editions have been exhausted, and with the advent of the new century the sixth edition will be placed on sale. The popularity of this book lays in the fact that it was written to fill a demand of the people. It contains no ambiguous terms, no polysyllables, no figures of language, and the author tried to put himself on the outside, the question being, "If I knew nothing of this subject would I understand these statements?" Acting on this principle the book was produced and its steady sale, exhausting an edition of from 1,000 to 1,200 copies each year, shows what success has been attained.

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A letter from F. Corden White informs us that they are meeting with success in their work at Columbus, O. He is stopping at the Hotel Bryden.

Harry Dalton writes from Troy, N. Y.: "I started meetings here again last Sunday. We had a good audience of people who are interested. Most of them were from churches but were very much interested in the meeting."

Do you want the *Scientific American*, the leading paper of the U. S., devoted to inventions and the latest discoveries in mechanics and scientific research? If you do, send \$3, the price of the *Scientific American* alone, and get it and THE SUNFLOWER for the same price.

Since our last report the Mrs. Pardee fund has received but \$4.20. This is a small sum to help out during the winter. Kind friends who wish to help her will kindly forward their contributions to Mrs. E. W. Tillinghast, McDonald, Pa. An itemized statement will appear in the next issue of THE SUNFLOWER.

E. W. Sprague and wife may be addressed until Jan. 10th at 745 High St., Alliance, O., then Loraine, O. until further notice. They are on their way back to Indiana and wish to hear from every locality where their services are needed as missionaries, especially where a Spiritualist society can be organized and chartered with the National Association.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Roff of Watseka, Ill., celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary, Thursday, January 3, 1901. Fifty friends were entertained at dinner by Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Alter, son-in-law and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roff. A poem in honor of the occasion, written by Major M. H. Peters was read by Mrs. John Ford. The Gamma Delta Sigma society assisted in the entertainment.

The First Association of Spiritualists of Philadelphia, held a very successful watch meeting, Dec. 31st, 1900, notwithstanding the attractions outside incident upon the city's celebration, a fine audience was present and remained to the close, to welcome in the New Year and century. The president, Capt. F. G. Keffler, delivered a very interesting address, contrasting his experience that evening with what it was 38 years before, when he was a prisoner of war in the Confederate prison at Richmond, Va. Dr. Ravlin also spoke at some length. Much interest was added to the occasion by Prof. Rutter and his daughter, a professional elocutionist from Atlantic City, which were vociferously encored. Prof. Bacon's humorous songs constituted not a little of the pleasures of the evening. Just at midnight the following hymn written for the occasion by Dr. Ravlin was sung by the entire audience, led by Prof. Bacon, after which Dr. Ravlin dismissed the meeting by a few touching words of farewell to the old and of greeting to the new century. A general hand shaking with the customary greetings, closed a gathering, never to be forgotten.

(Tune, "Coronation.")
All hail! the joyful New Year's morn!
Welcome its dawning light;
This day, a century new, is born,
Hail it with glad delight.

The bells are ringing, peal on peal,
Their music thrills the soul;
Send out the thought for human weal,
As dark the surges roll.

With joyful songs, and words of cheer,
And deeds of kindness shown;
Proclaim the century's bright New Year,
Brighter than ever known.

And with the rapid flight of time,
Onward and upward rise;
Till Earth in radiant glory shine,
Amid the sparkling skies.



He's a Hustler from Hustletown
But he got tired of going after a copy of THE SUNFLOWER the first and fifteenth of each month so he sent 50 cents for a year's subscription, and has it come promptly by Rural Delivery. He has read our clubbing offer on page 6 and has started out to get up a club. He stopped long enough to tell us that he was a greenbacker and he preferred greenbacks to postage stamps when taking subscriptions.

J. W. Dennis is now lecturing before the Psychic and Spiritual Society on Eagle St. Mrs. Mattie Hull's motherly Christmas gathering to distribute her presents to the little ones of her Lyceum was a well conducted affair and well attended by old and young.

J. W. Dennis writes: "Let fake mediums beware of Buffalo during the Pan American Exposition, for I will unflinchingly post every one and send an officer (a Spiritualist) to investigate them."

Mrs. C. Lewis Chase, the well known medium is back to her work again after two weeks of La Grippe. She was welcomed back on the platform of the Buffalo Spiritual Church, Sunday, with her tests by a full house.

Moses Hull, will be absent from Buffalo for two weeks in February, as he is to speak at four mass meetings held by the National Spiritualist Association, at Madison, Superior and La Crosse, Wis., from the 5th to 15th of February. Willard J. Hull, Editor of the *Light of Truth*, will fill Moses Hull's place upon the First Church platform on the 10th of February.

The number of our societies that are active in their work at present are six. We have The First Spiritual Church Society, Cor. Jersey and Prospect Ave; The Old Buffalo Church Society, Cor. Main and Mohawk; The Social Spiritual Society, 527 Main, in Florence Parlors; The Queen City Society, on Thomas St.; The Psychic Spiritual Society, Eagle and Cedar St. and The Buffalo Theosophical Society, 377 Ellicott Square.

W. V. Nicum, Esq., a very bright youth from Ohio, has entered and appeared just above the blazing horizon of Buffalo's spiritual glory and has ventured to tread in the glittering path of Buffalo's lecture field as a star of the first magnitude among our talented speakers. May this bright and particular star never lose its luster, nor may its glory ever fade. Mr. Nicum lectured before the Buffalo Spiritual Church Society on January 6th, 1901.

On December 14th, the Social Spiritual Society, held a Euchre Party and dance in the hall, 527 Main St.; it was a financial success as it was well attended, a very enjoyable evening was spent. The society is still progressing, Mrs. Chas. Dickinson as speaker and Lady Loretta as test medium; I am sorry to say that the president Mrs. L. Nugent has been confined to her bed for the last two weeks but we hope to see her soon again in her usual state of health; the society takes this opportunity of wishing their numerous friends and patrons a very happy and prosperous New Year.

I feel that something more should appear in the columns of the Spiritual press regarding the work and workers of different societies and churches, if you will allow me a little of your valuable space as I desire to express the harmonious feeling with which the season opened and is continuing in the First Spiritual Temple here, and the good work of those who have served us. Encouraging words are better than money, although the workers in the field of Spiritualism are paid for their service, they should be sent on their way rejoicing with words of praise.

The month of September, we had with us Prof. Victor Wyldes, who with his unlimited inspiration and indisputable psychometric readings won the good will of the people and undoubtedly did some one some good; he always tried to bring out the better qualities of man. The audience was larger at his last meeting than at the first which speaks for itself. He is booked with us for next September and I'm sure he will be welcomed.

The first of October, our good and noble defender Moses Hull returned from British Columbia to commence his third year with us. The Bear did not hurt him mentally nor physically, but rather think that the cold region is full of inspiration as well as gold, for he has outdone himself in all his discourses since his return, the great trouble being "He hasn't time enough."

The 21st of October, F. Corden White, who needs no recommend or introduction from me, and who is known throughout the country, commenced a six weeks engagement with us. He has been with us several different periods, and his work is beyond comment, always of that positive and clear nature which avoids all misunderstanding. He has, no doubt convinced more people of spirit return than any other medium in the field, his private work is superlative, judging from my own sitting and I feel sure every one get their moneys worth.

On the 26th of November, the Campbell Bros, now situated at 507 Niagara Street, gave one of their celebrated seances

in the Temple, although the condition of the weather was such that it was excusable for any one to stay indoors, the audience was quite large, which shows that their demonstrations are appreciated. Their seances are conducted in a very refined manner and they certainly reach a great many people and do a great deal of good for the Cause. Our wish is for their success while in Buffalo.

On Thanksgiving day we tried to assist in making some of the poor families in the City happy with a good dinner, and succeeded in supplying about one hundred families with a basket of provision each. A committee solicited donations and arranged for the people to come to the Temple and receive a basket on presentation of the card which had been sent them. Everything went off in perfect order, the ladies who worked so faithfully on this committee deserve credit. Only one other denomination in the City of Buffalo took steps in this direction. A great many of the others held services of thanksgiving, hundreds of people kneeling in ignorance before the altar of doubt, thanking something for nothing, and probably many trembling from destitution returned to their homes finding nothing but the same empty table. In trying to satisfy the physical wants, especially food, there must be action not words. We fully believe that if every denomination had responded to the universal cry for aid, there would have been no empty tables in this city on Thanksgiving day.

The enthusiasm for the Cause is growing and I believe it possible to establish such an atmosphere of harmony that one coming within its radius cannot help but be benefitted, and hoping that the good ones above named may long remain in the physical to do good for humanity, I remain,
H. L. H.

Spirit Message Department

CONDUCTED BY

J. Corden White.

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Ida to Sherman Thompson.

I want to reach my brother, Sherman Thompson, at Ft Dodge, Iowa, and to say to him when he is working in the clay I often come and stand by his side, trying to manifest to him. Some may think to do the work you are doing is not elevating, which in time will change beyond any doubt and you will find loved ones to greet you when you come to this side of life.

J. A. Sanford.

I come to give a word, that I may be known to those in life, gone but not forgotten, for almost every day they speak of me and I hear them and when conditions are brought out all right, then I will be able to come nearer to them. I see Sophrona Smith, D. B. Marks and many of the others who will do all they can to keep you both along. My child knows something of this matter and trust they may learn more as time goes by. I want to reach my daughter Ada and her husband S. J. Richardson, at Allentown, N. Y.

James Miller.

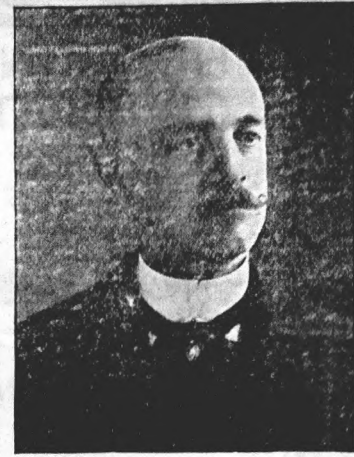
I have often tried to reach my children in Rochester, N. Y., in this way, but others have prevented me doing so until now. My daughter Sarah is with me and my brother-in-law John Peacock, and many others who wish to communicate. My son's name is Wm. Jas. Miller and my daughter is Ida Miller and they live in Rochester. I want them to continue on, in the investigation and good results will come to them.

Wm. G. Shoemaker.

Send this paper to my son, Fred Shoemaker, at Terre Haute, Ind. and let him know that I have not forgotten him. It is better John is with me, than for him to have remained upon the earth plane and say Nellie is with me, also your sisters-in-law Katie and Anna, who send greetings from this life. I often see your friend Emerson C. McLaughlin who wishes to be remembered to his wife and three children.

Hattie Twitchell.

I know that to reach my dear papa, will be a blessing to him as he will appreciate our coming. Amanda and Augusta want me to say for them, they are glad you have made the change in your own life as it is for the best and all will yet be well, so do not care what they may say as you can be, and are independent of them.



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We missed the presence of our President, Mrs. Lillian Nagell, very much, and hope we will have her with us at the next convention. She is still sojourning in the far North.

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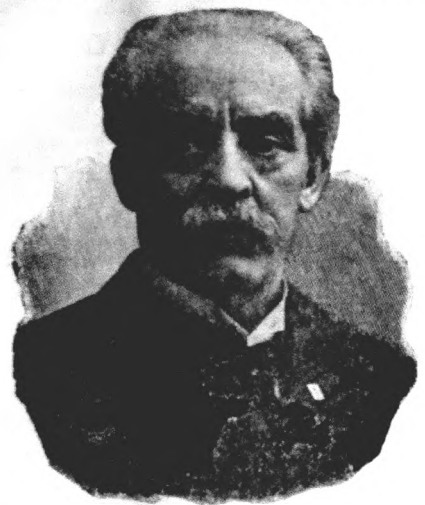
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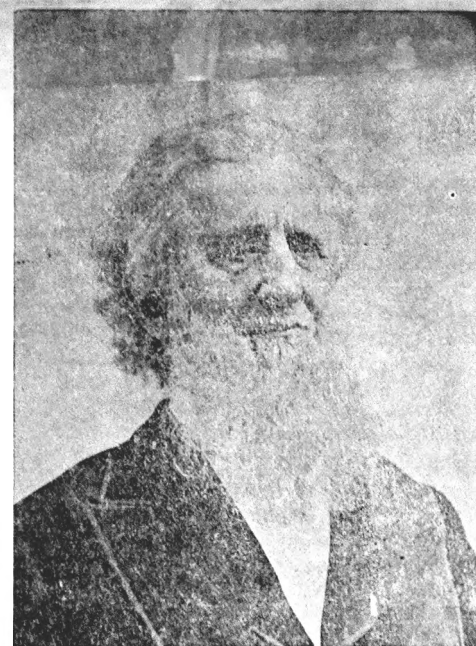
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